

Fall 2022

*Falling in love with our babies!*

*93 babies saved  
so far this year!*

Meet our first  
C.O.R.E.  
Care family!

The logo for Sanctity of Life Ministries is located in the bottom left corner. It consists of three overlapping circles in shades of green, blue, and pink. The text "sanctity of life" is written in a white, lowercase, sans-serif font across the circles, with "MINISTRIES" in a smaller, white, uppercase, sans-serif font below it.

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## A note from Janet

What a difference nine months makes in the life of a pregnant woman and in the life of our work! Nine months ago, we launched our **C.O.R.E. Care program** designed to take a woman facing an unplanned pregnancy from **crisis to Christ to a local church**.

For years pregnancy clinics have been accused of caring only for the life of the baby and not the mother. Addressing those critics head-on, we introduced our C.O.R.E. Care program in January. This 15-month program begins at the clinic by identifying the challenges that brought her in and make her believe that she can't continue the pregnancy. Once we have them, we can provide the resources, education and support needed to empower her to choose life.

But we don't stop there. Week after week, she meets with her Advocate for classes, prayer and continuing support. Through our on-going relationship we begin to build a life with her where the Gospel is on display and often heard weekly. Knowing that we are not the end of her journey toward life in Christ, **but the door into the community of God**, we also make it our priority to orient her toward a local church. Our partnering churches play an integral part in this rescue effort. **This year we are blessed to have 27 partnering churches helping us support her and welcome her.**

Knowing that real disciple-making takes time, our Advocates have been thrilled for the opportunity to meet with the woman weekly. **Each week builds upon the other and godly relationships are birthed and nurtured.** Many women have never had anyone care for them so deeply, let alone share Christ with them.

And because we know a baby is soon to arrive- **we also added a brand-new Baby Boutique this year!** Here, women earn vouchers weekly, which they can spend for brand new baby items. Just a few weeks ago, a mother of rescued twins, shopped for two car seats and anything pink she could find!

It certainly has been a year of God's grace and mercy. We stand under His protective arm amid His people. As we approach another year-end, I want to thank you for your partnership.

We have over 100 prayer Warriors storming heaven on behalf of our women. 176 new supporters joined the SLM family this year. 93 babies have been rescued in 9 months! That is enough to fill three elementary classes! And Roe has been overturned! **God is on the move, and we invite you to join us in this front-row seat!**

Janet Custer

CEO of Sanctity of Life Ministries

# C.O.R.E. Care First



**January marked the start of our C.O.R.E. Care program.** Not long after that we met "Shruti" and her husband - they were certain that abortion was their only option. He was concerned for her health, and she was frightened because they had no family or support here. They lived in a one-bedroom apartment with their two children. Though they both worked, they were barely getting by. Another child was too much.

Immediately, our nurse and Advocate provided the medical confirmation they needed and received an opportunity to discuss their biggest challenges to continuing their pregnancy. Our Advocate even had an opportunity to talk with the father to discuss where God was in their view of life. He confessed their god would not be pleased if they had an abortion but was willing to take the penalty. She shared that God has made a way for us and that He has also made a way to be right before Him. He sent Jesus to take the penalty for all our disobedience. He listened intently.

Immediately at that first appointment they enrolled in C.O.R.E. Care. With her Advocate's assistance, Shruti applied and was approved for Medicaid and other state programs. She attended weekly sessions with her Advocate, receiving much needed education, support, and encouragement. Employment assistance was provided by a local pastor to help her husband in his search for a better job which would match his education and experience level. They earned lots of Baby Vouchers and gratefully shopped in our Baby Boutique. In addition, they received diapers, wipes, and prenatal vitamins with each visit.

Happy to say their baby girl arrived just as planned! Their family is growing, and opportunities have arisen for them to speak to a pastor from a local church. Their journey to faith in Christ continues but she now has the family of God with every step of the way.



# Oh Baby!



What a difference  
nine months  
make!

**93 babies saved!**





4  
**150%**

**increase**

in the Number of  
Abortion-Minded  
women we are  
seeing



**59**

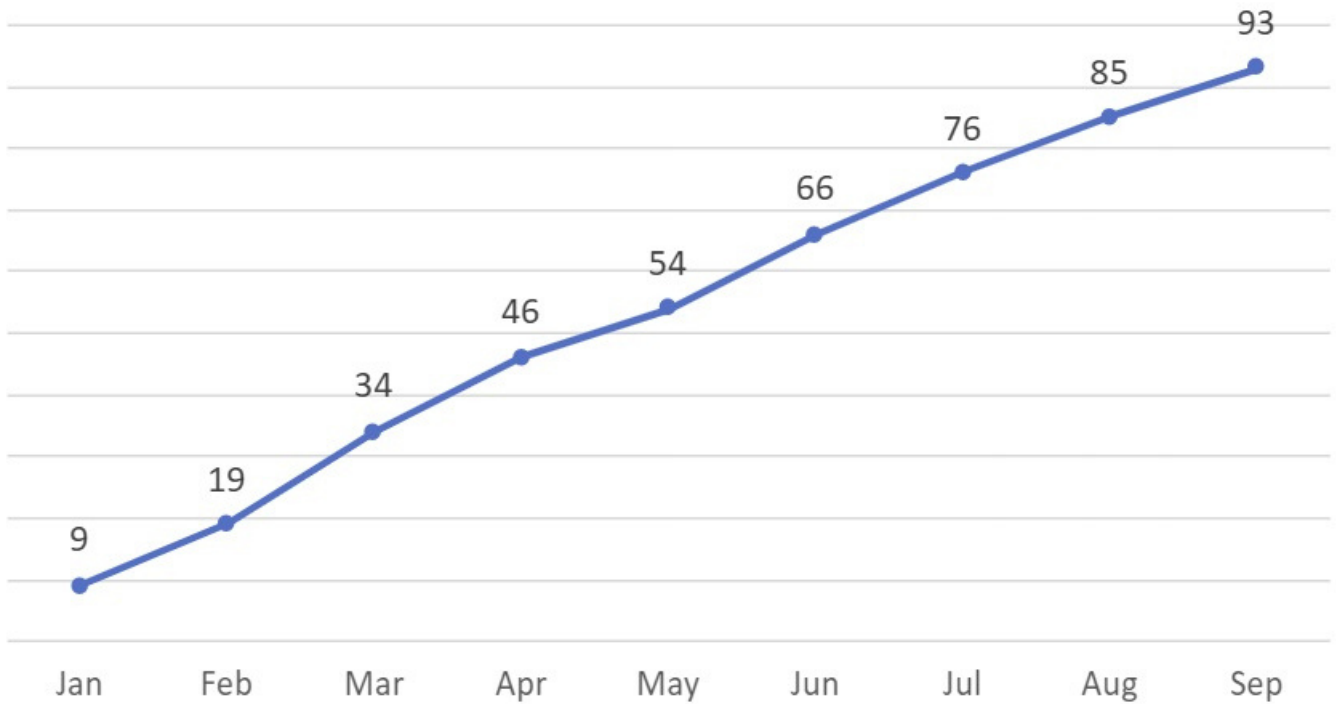
**YTD 2021**



**148**

**YTD 2022**

Number of Babies Saved Monthly Growth





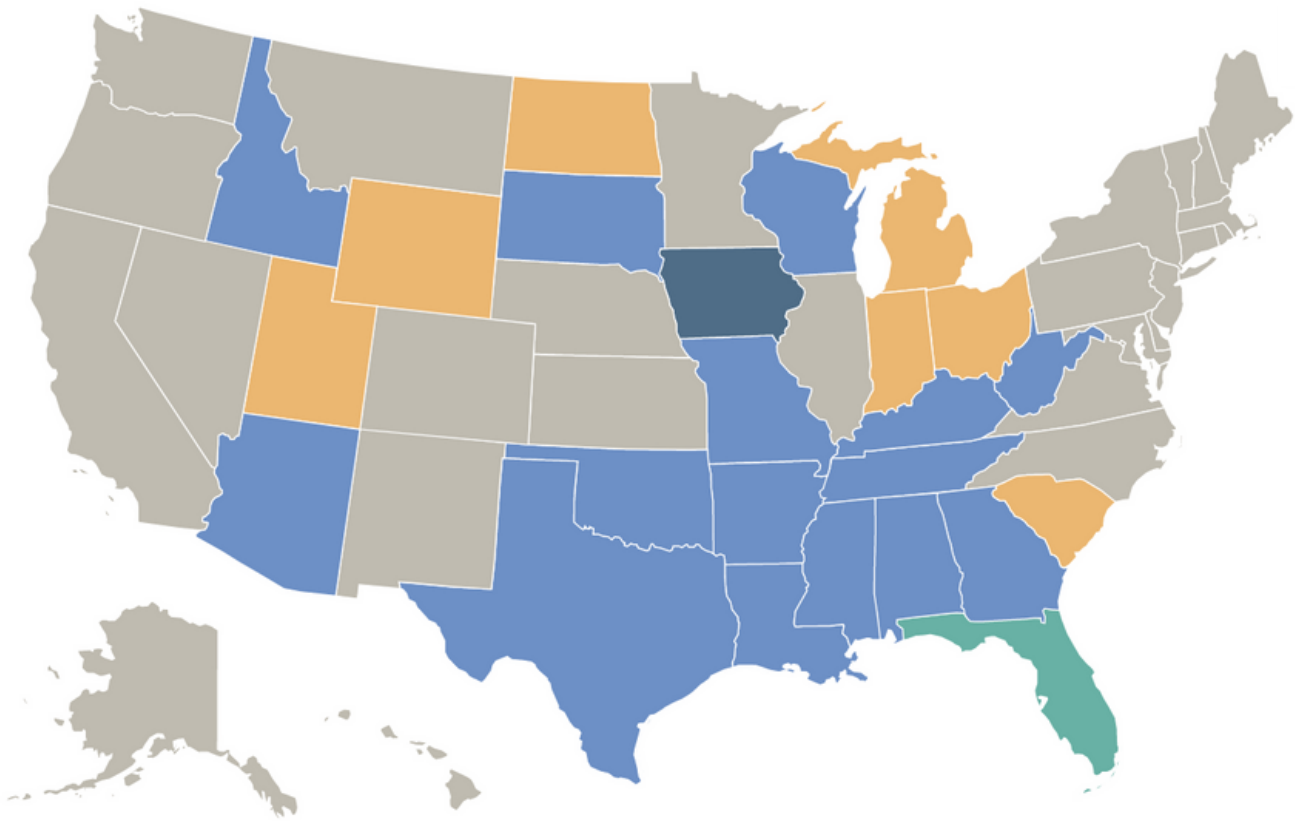
# Community Matters



**1-** Summit Church Volunteers help with building maintenance at our Fairfax Center. **2-** Summer Orientation at First Baptist of Alexandria. **3-** Meeting First Lady Youngkin at our Fairfax Clinic. **4-** Participating at First Baptist of Alexandria's Missions Fair. **5-** Susan B. Anthony List Gala meeting Governor Youngkin. **6-** Pro-Life Senators, Governors, Congress men and women celebrating the overturning of Roe. **7-** Serving with Prince of Peace Lutheran Church at their Oktoberfest.



# National Perspective



With the overturning of Roe, state laws that prohibit abortion are vital to protecting the life of the unborn. The Supreme Court's June ruling did not ban abortion nationwide, instead it returned the issue of abortion to the states. The map above shows the work that is being done by pro-life legislators all over the US.

Currently, 24 states have passed laws which either totally ban abortion, prohibit abortion after 6 weeks when a baby's heartbeat can be detected, or after 15 weeks when a baby is capable of feeling pain. According to data from the CDC, these state laws have saved over 200,000 babies already! On a federal level, South Carolina Senator Lindsey Graham has proposed a bill that would prohibit abortions nationwide at 15 weeks, when a baby is

capable of feeling pain.

Today, the state of Virginia has little to no protections for the unborn. Governor Youngkin has recently urged Virginia legislators to send a 15 week abortion ban bill to his desk and he will immediately sign it into law. Meanwhile, our pregnancy centers are here reaching and saving lives, and we will continue to do so until life is protected from the moment of conception.

Because it is our hope and prayer that life would be protected and valued from conception to natural death, we here at Sanctity of Life Ministries press on toward life in Christ and life in the womb!



# Medical Matters



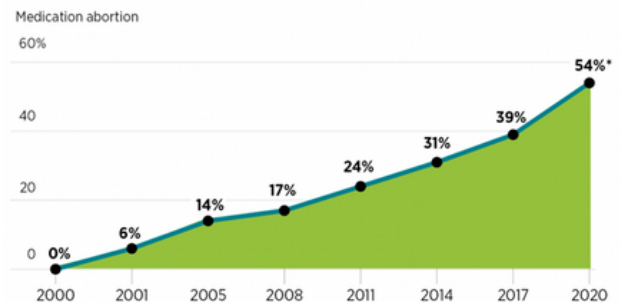
On April of 2021, President Joe Biden removed Abortion Pill limits. The Abortion Pill, also known as “medication abortion”, is series of two drugs which taken orally, induces an abortion. The procedure begins at an abortion clinic/doctor's office but completes at home. The process begins with mifepristone (RU-486) taken by mouth. This pill blocks a woman's natural production of Progesterone which is what keeps a healthy pregnancy. When progesterone levels decrease or stop, the pregnancy is terminated. 24 to 48 hours after taking the first pill, a second, misoprostol is taken which begins contractions and empties the uterus.

Some women change their mind about abortion after taking the first drug of the abortion regimen. For those women, Abortion Pill Reversal offers a medically sound choice to attempt to reverse the effects of Mifepristone, and to save their baby. The abortion pill reversal (APR) procedure can only occur after the first dose of a medical abortion (mifepristone/RU-486) is taken orally. APR has not been effective after the second set of pills (misoprostol). But just as abortion in itself is a controversial topic, so is the idea of being able to reverse a medical abortion.

**How Does it Work?** Within 0 -72 hours after taking mifepristone (the first abortion pill), a woman can be prescribed a treatment of progesterone to hopefully counter the effects of the mifepristone. It is most effective in the first 24 hours. Mifepristone blocks where progesterone would normally be absorbed, so an influx of progesterone can outcompete for the available binding spaces. The progesterone regimen is usually continued for the rest of the first trimester.

The American Association of Pro-Life Obstetricians and Gynecologists (AAPLOG) believes that the procedure is safe and significantly more effective than “seeing what happens” without the second medication, misoprostol. AAPLOG strongly supports efforts to require all women presenting for abortion be given information about abortion pill reversal as part of informed consent prior to abortion.

## As of 2020, medication abortions account for the majority of all US abortions



\*Based on preliminary data.

Progesterone has been used in pregnancies for decades without any significant undesired effects. Many patients with high risk for miscarriage pregnancies are treated with progesterone throughout the first trimester without issues. Natural progesterone is also used in IVF pregnancies with no ill effects.



# Mark your calendars and join us...



## **November 29, 2022**

### **GIVING TUESDAY**

Join the national day to raise support for our community! Please give toward Sanctity of Life Ministries.

## **January 22, 2023**

### **SANCTITY OF LIFE SUNDAY**

All month we will be visiting partnering Churches. Come by and say HI!

## **January 26, 2023**

### **WINTER ORIENTATION**

Join us at our quarterly Orientation and learn how you can serve with us. Reston Bible Church is hosting us!

## **April 14, 2023**

### **ANNUAL DINNER-**

Join us at the Falls Church Fairview Park Marriott Hotel.

## **May 13, 2023**

### **BLOOMS AND BABIES**

Join us at the Army Navy Club in Arlington and enjoy brunch with special guests: Advocates, new moms and their babies!





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**Because Every Life Matters.**